

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
2013 BUDGET WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2012
At 5:00 PM At Town Hall**

Present: Nick Nelson, Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson
Absent: Ham Ross, Larry Whalen
Staff present: Barb Nelson, Pete Clark
Public Present: Dave Thomas

I. Call to Order at 5:11 PM

II. Budget Workshop with each of the following departments:

A. General Government presented by Barb Nelson: Ms. Nelson reviewed each line item for the Board. The Sanitary District is now a defunct account due to the move by the District into their own quarters. There was discussion of the revenue from the cell tower at the Materials Recovery Facility. Town Administrator Pete Clark will look into the possibility of receiving more rent from this tower.

Ms. Nelson reported that the Town has not yet borrowed the \$250,000 for the chip/crack sealing project. It will need to be borrowed; she is just not sure when.

Ms. Nelson reported the fund balance transfers as follows:

Room Tax Fund to General Fund off-set Big Bay Town Park \$60,000
Rds Capital Outlay Fund to General Fund to off-set Big Ravine Project \$30,580
Parks Capital Outlay Fund to General Fund to off-set Big Bay Town Park \$24,000
Parks Capital Outlay Fund to General Fund to off-set Big Bay Town Park (donations rec'd) \$ 5,007

Also in the budget is the cost of an automated phone system, which Ms. Nelson feels is a necessity at this time. The delay in getting this up till now has been the switch to fiber optic that is in the process of occurring.

In response to a question, Ms. Nelson stated that the debt for the 410 Backhoe retires in 2016, and the debt for the gravel retires in 2018.

It is likely that a resolution to exceed the allowable levy limit will be needed this year as the levy limit is \$4448, and it is likely that the budget increase will be greater than that.

Ms. Nelson also stated that there is money in the budget for 2012 to replace the copy machine at Town Hall yet this year.

Jim Patterson asked about the new accounting software, and Ms. Nelson replied that it is improving.

III. Adjournment at 6:11 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

Approved as submitted on November 13, 2012

Patty Hobin, Town Clerk